

Senate Resolution 450

By: Senator Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Ira Katz for his knowledge, preparation, and commitment to his
2 community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ira Katz is the owner and pharmacist of Little 5 Points Pharmacy and has served
4 in that capacity since 1981; and

5 WHEREAS, Ira earned his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Emory University
6 in 1975 and his bachelor of science in pharmacy from St. John's University in 1978, is a
7 member of numerous pharmacy organizations, and mentors students as an adjunct professor
8 for Mercer University College of Pharmacy; and

9 WHEREAS, his contributions to his community as a pharmacist and mentor were
10 underscored in May, 2018, when he saved someone's life; and

11 WHEREAS, while Ira was working at his pharmacy, he was alerted to a possible overdose
12 occurring nearby; and

13 WHEREAS, taking immediate action, Ira instructed bystanders to call Emergency Medical
14 Services and retrieve Narcan from the pharmacy, while he began performing CPR; and

15 WHEREAS, the heroic actions taken by Ira, coupled with his knowledge, preparation,
16 commitment, and composure, helped keep the victim alive until emergency personnel
17 arrived; and

18 WHEREAS, the deeds of this good Samaritan helped save a life, and this is just one example
19 of Ira's deep commitment to serving his community; and

20 WHEREAS, Ira is a man of unassuming greatness whose acts of kindness and generosity
21 have uplifted the entire community of Atlanta, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
22 local hero be appropriately honored.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 honor and commend Ira Katz for using his wealth of knowledge and tremendous skill to save
25 the life of an individual and for being an icon of benevolence for his community.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ira Katz.